

Central Intelligence Agency



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Honorable John H. Chafee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Chafee:

It has been brought to my attention that, during the Senate's consideration of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act on 4 March 1982, Senator Specter declared he had met with me twice, and he knew that I find the Judiciary Committee version of S. 391 to be acceptable.

I believe it is important that you have the benefit of my position. Certainly the Judiciary Committee version of the Bill would be preferable to no legislation at all; but it should be clear that the Intelligence Community firmly supports the Attorney General and the President in their belief that the version of subsection 601(c) passed by the House of Representatives and embodied in the Chafee-Jackson amendment to S. 391 is, as President Reagan put it in his letter of 3 February 1982 to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, "far more likely to result in an effective law." I believe Senator Specter fully understands that this is my position.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William J. Casey".

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence